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Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to start by warmly welcoming you to the Midhurst Rother College community. We are delighted that your child has been allocated a place with us we look forward to them transitioning to us and starting with us September. I would like thank you for placing your trust in us; we will not let you or your child down.

I know, as a parent, that the transition from primary to secondary school can be quite daunting for all concerned. We want to make this transition as seamless as possible so that the move to secondary school is something to look forward to and not to fear.

We must also accept that we have all been deeply affected by the pandemic. I hope that you, your family and friends are well – the last 12 months have been very challenging for us all and I know that many of you will have been personally affected; you are in our thoughts. I also know that your child's education, both academic and social, will have been impacted too. We are working with primary schools in the local area to make sure that your child can look forward with confidence to achieving their full potential with us at Midhurst Rother College. Life is slowly beginning to return to normal and it is with an increased sense of optimism that I look forward to the future and working with you.

I will now turn to some more practical items that I would ask you to note and action as needed.

What you need to do now

We require you to complete an acceptance form. Please note it will request that you provided us with a copy of your current council tax statement as proof of your address. WSCC ask all schools to undertake this address validation exercise on their intakes. The acceptance process must be completed by immediate action.

To make this process simple, the form is online and can be found on our website <https://www.mrc-academy.org/information/transition>. Please complete the form and email a copy of your council tax statement to accept@mrc-academy.org. Should you no longer require your place please use this form to inform us of this.

Alternatively, you can request a paper copy of the form by contacting madeline.hathaway@mrc-academy.org.

The Transition Process

At the beginning of the summer term, colleagues from the College will visit your child's school to introduce themselves in the classroom, enabling students and staff to get to know one another and giving everyone a head start for the new academic year. Teachers and the Pastoral Leader will be able

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to learn about our new year group as a whole and about individuals, while students will have the opportunity to familiarise themselves with members of staff who will be responsible for their learning and wellbeing in the coming years. Our Director for Additional Educational Needs, Ms Ward will also make visits to spend time with those students who may require particular support when they join in September.

In the meantime, we will be delivering virtual taster sessions across the curriculum for all new starters. Details of these will be emailed to you shortly. LIVE and recorded to watch either in the classroom or at home with parents. We also hope to invite all students to spend some time at Midhurst Rother College in the late summer term, but we await further Government guidance on this. If this is not possible, we will hold virtual transition events similar to the day held for our feeder school children last September. For Parents/Carers we will provide a presentation about College and the transition period. Again, this either be in person or virtual depending on the Covid situation at the time. Our intention is that whatever the current situation, students and Parents/Carers will feel confident about the start of term in September.

We are very pleased that you have chosen Midhurst Rother College and look forward to providing your child with a platform from which they can reach their full potential and become part of what we think is a very special community. In the meantime, we wish our new students a very memorable and happy end to Year 6 at primary school.

After the Easter break, I will be in touch again with a more detailed transition programme and also information about uniform and all the essentials associated with College life.

Please keep in touch with Midhurst Rother College news and updates through our website- www.mrc-academy.org and do not hesitate to contact the College if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely



Stuart Edwards
Principal